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APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 234 asked by Sri P. G. Manickam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 17th December 1959, page 471 of supra.]

Note on the action taken by the Government to bring waste lands under cultivation.

Investigation on the possibilities of reclamation and development of waste lands was first initiated in the year 1950 and when the Government sanctioned a special Agricultural Engineering staff headed by an Assistant Agricultural Engineer for carrying out a detailed investigation of compact blocks of waste lands in the districts of Nellore, Ramanathapuram, Salem and South Arcot of the Composite Madras State. The special staff listed up lands in compact blocks, excluding area proposed to be developed as forests, barren hillocks, grazing grounds and areas under Sivaijama occupation and gathered information on various points such as survey number of the fields, classification of lands, extent, nature of soil available, natural sources of irrigation, nature of reclamation required, willingness of parties to take up reclamation work (in case of patta lands), etc., after field-to-field inspection. Following this survey, the Government examined the steps to be taken for bringing under cultivation, the various categories of land lying waste and issued orders on the course of action to be taken as indicated below :—

<i>Category of land.</i>	<i>Course suggested for bringing under cultivation.</i>
(1)	(2)
(a) Patta lands fit for immediate cultivation requiring neither reclamation nor provision of irrigation facilities.	Enforcement of the provision of the Madras Land Utilization Order, 1959.
(b) Patta lands which can be brought under cultivation, if loans are granted.	Grant of interest-free loans under the Land Improvement Loan Act.
(c) Patta lands lying waste for want of irrigation facilities.	(i) Restoration of registered sources by carrying out the necessary repairs to them ; (ii) Execution of new irrigation works wherever possible. Concrete proposals to be submitted to Government.
(d) Patta lands lying waste for want of reclamation and irrigation facilities.	Vide the courses approved for items (b) and (c) above.
(e) Patta lands lying waste requiring only the reclamation and the parties are willing to have the reclamation done.	Hiring out of tractors and bulldozers at reasonable rates by the Agricultural department for reclamation purposes.
(f) Patta lands lying waste for want of reclamation—the parties desiring to have the work done by Government themselves and to pay the charges in easy instalment.	Grant of interest-free loans to pay hire charges for the tractors engaged.
	Undertaking of such reclamation work in deserving cases after obtaining the specific orders of the Government.

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| (g) Compact blocks of Government waste lands. | Outright assignment to landless poor, where dry cultivation is possible without much expenditure by way of reclamation. Land requiring considerable reclamation and provision of irrigation facilities should wait till the improvements could be carried out by Government. |

Considering the need for bringing under the plough as large extents of fallow lands as possible, the Government ordered that the regular revenue staff might be entrusted with the work of survey of the waste lands and this work was completed by the Collectors by the middle of 1957. With a view to bring these waste lands under cultivation, the Government instructed the Board of Revenue to obtain from the Collectors details of blocks of waste lands and the follow up action required to be taken and to formulate a detailed programme work to be done for each district. The work in this regard is reviewed each half year.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to clause (e) of starred question No. 237 asked by Sri K. Vinayakam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 17th December 1959, page 475 supra.]

STATEMENT.

The activities gone through in connection with the State Police Centenary Celebrations.

In districts—

- (a) An inaugural ceremonial parade and march-past in the morning as on the Republic Day.
- (b) Distribution of sweets to Police children.
- (c) A Police procession culminating in a public meeting at District Headquarters.
- (d) Games like hockey, football, etc., Police teams playing against Public Clubs and Associations.
- (e) The Annual District Sports.
- (f) A prize for the best maintained Police station.
- (g) Sports for the constabulary's children.
- (h) Public meeting at every Taluk Headquarters with very important persons presiding and prominent personalities speaking on Police-Public relations.
- (i) A drama at District Headquarters for furthering Police-Public relations.
- (j) Police dinner.

In the City—

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| 31st August 1959 | .. | 8-00 a.m. | .. | Unveiling of Police Memorial at the Inspector-General's office, Marina, by Sri W. R. S. Sathianadhan, I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, |
| | | 8-15 a.m. | .. | Laying of wreaths. |